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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BANGKOK FROM CHIANG MAI OCT 30 REPEATED  
FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

CHIANG MAI 383

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, BM, TH

SUBJECT: DRY SEASON SHOWS INCREASE IN THAI-BURMA BORDER  
TRAFFIC

CONSULATE SENIOR FSL MET WITH IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS  
OFFICIALS DURING TRIP TO FANG AND CHIANG DAO OCTOBER 29  
AND REPORTED FOLLOWING:

1. THAI-BURMA BORDER MILITARY SITUATION QUIET. NO  
REPORTS OF FIGHTING BY SHAN OR LAHU.
2. CUSTOMS OFFICIAL SAYS TRAFFIC OF GOODS OVER NORTHERN  
THAI BORDER--BOTH SMUGGLED AND DECLARED-- HAS INCREASED WITH  
ADVENT OF DRY SEASON. CIF REFUGEE CAMP SOUTH OF THAM NGOP IN FANG  
DISTRICT IS STORAGE CENTER; GOODS COME IN BY MULE, GO OUT BY TRUCK  
OR BUS. OPIUM CONTINUES ENTER BY SECRET ROUTES. JADE AND  
CATTLE ALSO RANK AS MAJOR COMMODITIES COMING IN FROM BURMA;  
ALTHOUGH SOME SHIPMENTS ARE DECLARED, MOST OF THIS  
COMMERCE MOVES SECRETLY AS WELL. THAI ITEMS SHIPPED  
ACROSS BORDER INCLUDE CLOTH, AUTOMOBILE SPARE PARTS,  
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CANNED GOODS, UTENSILS, AND FOODSTUFFS. TRADE USUALLY

IS BY BARTER; CUSTOMS OFFICIAL ESTIMATES CROSSBORDER  
LICIT AND ILLICIT TRADE NOW AVERAGING BAHT 5 MILLION  
EACH WAY PER MONTH IN AMPHOE CHIANG DAO.

3. OFFICIALS ALONG BORDER SEEMINGLY UNINTERESTED  
IN RECENT GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES IN BANGKOK. JOB IS  
DEMANDING AND AREA REMOTE. IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL DID  
NOT EVEN KNOW THAT HIS BOSS IN BANGKOK HAD BEEN  
REMOVED DURING GOVERNMENT SHAKEUP.  
SIGNED CASTRODALE  
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